

1 **1. (previously amended)** A method for serving remote procedure
2 calls from an applet which executes within an applet viewer which in turn
3 executes in a computer system that is serving said remote procedure calls, the
4 method comprising:

5 receiving from the applet which executes in the same computer system that
6 serves said remote procedure calls, a request for a document according to a
7 document retrieval protocol implemented on a computer network;

8 determining that the request specifies a function which is defined within a
9 computer process executing independently of the applet and applet viewer and
10 which includes one or more computer instructions, execution of which performs a
11 task which is unrelated to both generation and retrieval of any document specified
12 in the request; and

13 executing the function in the same computer system that is executing said
14 applet and applet viewer to thereby cause execution of the one or more computer
15 instructions in response to receipt of the request.

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17 **2. (original)** The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of
18 determining comprises:

19 determining that the request includes a document specification which is in a
20 portion of a name space reserved for function requests.

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22 **3. (previously amended)** The method of Claim 1 further
23 comprising:

24 returning to the applet result data produced by execution of the function.
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1 **4. (previously amended)** The method of Claim 3 wherein the step
2 of returning comprises:

3 forming a document which includes the data; and
4 sending the document to the applet.

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6 **5. (original)** The method of Claim 1 wherein the document retrieval
7 protocol is HTTP.

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9 **6. (previously amended)** A computer readable medium useful in
10 association with a computer system which includes a processor and a memory, the
11 computer readable medium including computer instructions which are configured
12 to cause the computer to serve remote procedure calls from an applet, which
13 executes within an applet viewer which in turn executes in the computer system
14 that is serving said remote procedure calls, by performing the steps of:

15 receiving from the applet which executes in the same computer system that
16 serves said procedure calls, a request for a document according to a document
17 retrieval protocol implemented on a computer network;

18 determining that the request specifies a function which is defined within a
19 computer process executing independently of the applet and applet viewer and
20 which includes one or more selected computer instructions, execution of which
21 performs a task which is unrelated to both generation and retrieval of any
22 document specified in the request; and

23 executing the function in the same computer system that is executing said
24 applet and applet viewer to thereby cause execution of the one or more selected
25 computer instructions in response to receipt of the request.

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2 **7. (original)** The computer readable medium of Claim 6 wherein
3 the step of determining comprises:

4 determining that the request includes a document specification which is in a
5 portion of a name space reserved for function requests.
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7 **8. (previously amended)** The computer readable medium of Claim
8 6 where the computer instructions are further configured to cause the computer to
9 serve remote procedure calls by further performing the step of:

10 returning to the applet result data produced by execution of the function.
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12 **9. (original)** The computer readable medium of Claim 8 wherein
13 the step of returning comprises:

14 forming a document which includes the result data; and

15 sending the document to the applet.
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17 **10. (original)** The computer readable medium of Claim 6 wherein
18 the document retrieval protocol is HTTP.
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1 **11. (previously amended)** A computer system comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a memory operatively coupled to the processor; and
4 a computer process which executes in the processor from the memory and
5 which, when executed, serves remote procedure calls received from an applet
6 which executes within an applet viewer which in turn executes in the processor
7 from the memory concurrently and independently from the computer process,
8 wherein the computer process serves the remote procedure calls by performing the
9 steps of:

10 receiving from the applet which executes in the same computer system that
11 serves remote procedure calls, a request for a document according to a document
12 retrieval protocol implemented on a computer network;

13 determining that the request specifies a function which is defined within the
14 computer process and which includes one or more computer instructions,
15 execution of which performs a task which is unrelated to both generation and
16 retrieval of any document specified in the request; and

17 executing the function in the same computer system that is executing said
18 applet and applet viewer to thereby cause execution of the one or more computer
19 instructions in response to receipt of the request.

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21 **12. (original)** The computer system of Claim 11 wherein the step of
22 determining comprises:

23 determining that the request includes a document specification which is in a
24 portion of a name space reserved for function requests.
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1 **13. (previously amended)** The computer system of Claim 11 where
2 the computer process serves remote procedure calls by further performing the step
3 of:

4 returning to the applet result data produced by execution of the function.
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6 **14. (original)** The computer system of Claim 13 wherein the step of
7 returning comprises:

8 forming a document which includes the result data; and
9 sending the document to the applet.
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11 **15. (previously amended)** The computer system of Claim 11
12 wherein the document retrieval protocol is HTTP.
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14 **22. (previously amended)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the
15 function further comprises a Remote Procedure Call.
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1 **23. (previously mended)** A method for serving remote procedure
2 calls received from an instruction set that executes within a first computer process,
3 the first computer process executing in a computing device that serves the remote
4 procedure calls, the method comprising:

5 receiving a request for a data file from the instruction set, the request
6 according to a data file retrieval protocol;

7 determining that the request for the data file specifies a function which is
8 defined within a second computer process executing in the computing device
9 independently of the instruction set and of the first computer process, the function
10 including one or more computer instructions, execution of which performs a task
11 which is unrelated to both generation and retrieval of any data file specified in the
12 request; and

13 executing the function in the computing device to execute the one or more
14 computer instructions in response to receipt of the request.

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16 **24. (previously added)** A method as recited in claim 23, wherein
17 determining that the request for the data file specifies a function comprises
18 determining that the request includes a data file specification which is in a portion
19 of a name space reserved for function requests.

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21 **25. (previously added)** A method as recited in claim 23, further
22 comprising returning result data produced by execution of the function to the first
23 computer process.

1 26. (previously added) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein
2 returning the result data comprises generating a document which includes the
3 result data, and sending the document to the first computer process.

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5 27. (previously added) A method as recited in claim 23 wherein the
6 data file retrieval protocol is HTTP.

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8 28. (previously amended) A computer system comprising:
9 a processor;
10 a memory operatively coupled to the processor; and
11 a first computer process configured to execute in the processor from the
12 memory, the first computer process further configured to serve remote procedure
13 calls received from an instruction set that executes within a second computer
14 process, the second computer process configured to execute in the processor from
15 the memory concurrently and independently of the first computer process, wherein
16 the first computer process serves the remote procedure calls by:

17 receiving a request for a data file from the instruction set, the request
18 according to a data file retrieval protocol;

19 determining that the request for the data file specifies a function which is
20 defined within the first computer process, the function including one or more
21 computer instructions, execution of which performs a task which is unrelated to
22 both generation and retrieval of any data file specified in the request; and

23 executing the function in the computing device to execute the one or more
24 computer instructions in response to receipt of the request.
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1 **29. (previously added)** A computer system as recited in claim 28,
2 wherein determining that the request for the data file specifies a function
3 comprises determining that the request includes a data file specification which is
4 in a portion of a name space reserved for function requests.

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6 **30. (previously added)** A computer system as recited in claim 28,
7 wherein the first computer process further serves the remote procedure calls by
8 returning result data produced by execution of the function to the second computer
9 process.

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11 **31. (previously added)** A computer system as recited in claim 30,
12 wherein returning the result data comprises generating a document which includes
13 the result data, and sending the document to the second computer process.

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15 **32. (previously added)** A computer system as recited in claim 28,
16 wherein the data file retrieval protocol is HTTP.

1 **33. (previously added)** A method for serving remote procedure calls
2 from an applet that executes within an applet viewer which executes in a computer
3 system that serves the remote procedure calls, the method comprising:

4 receiving from the applet a request for a document according to a document
5 retrieval protocol implemented in the computer system; and

6 determining that the request for the document specifies a function which is
7 defined within a computer process executing independently of the applet and the
8 applet viewer and which includes computer executable instructions that, when
9 executed, perform a task which is unrelated to both generation and retrieval of any
10 document.

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12 **34. (previously added)** A method as recited in claim 33, further
13 comprising executing the function in the computer system to perform the task
14 when receiving of the request for the document.

1 **35. (previously added)** A computer system, comprising:
2 one or more processors;
3 a memory component operatively coupled to the processor;
4 a computer process configured to execute in the one or more processors
5 from the memory and serve remote procedure calls received from an applet that
6 executes within an applet viewer which executes in the processor from the
7 memory concurrently and independently from the computer process, wherein the
8 computer process is further configured to:

9 receive from the applet a request for a document according to a
10 document retrieval protocol implemented in the computer system;

11 determine that the request for the document specifies a function
12 which is defined within the computer process and which includes computer
13 executable instructions that, when executed, perform a task which is
14 unrelated to both generation and retrieval of any document.

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16 **36. (previously added)** A computer system as recited in claim 35,
17 wherein the computer process is further configured to execute the function in the
18 computer system to perform the task in an event that the request for the document
19 is received.